

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are in the case. Claims 11-17 have been withdrawn under a restriction requirement. Claim 8 has been amended to provide an antecedent basis and to place the claim in better form for appeal.

Applicant requests entry and review of new claims 18-22. New independent claim 18 more narrowly defines the invention, and therefore may provide a basis for addressing the concerns of the Examiner. Claims 19-22 depend from claim 18 and repeat the language of dependent claims 4-7. New claim 18 adds new structure to original claim 3, incorporating language that appears at pages 8 and 9 of the original specification. In particular, new independent claim modifies claim 3 by adding the following structural limitations (*italics*):

a fluid diverter member having a *wedge shape*, said fluid diverter member *disposed along one side of said vessel*, said fluid diverter member contiguous with an inner surface and said bottom of said vessel such that fluid cannot seep behind said fluid diverter member, said fluid diverter member sloping downward substantially from said sipping region of said rim *substantially to an opposite side* of said vessel such that when said bottom of said vessel is pivoted upward about said sipping region of said rim, said diverter member compels fluid through said sipping region, and

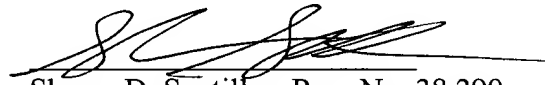
a flow channel extending lengthwise along an outer surface of said fluid diverter member substantially from said sipping region to said bottom of said vessel, *said flow channel configured as a groove formed by a pair of curved walls*.

The Examiner's positions being the same as those set forth in the November 25, 2002 office action, applicant incorporates by reference the positions set forth in applicant's March 25, 2003 response. With regard to the objection to the drawings, applicant additionally notes that in the November 18, 2002 Decision, the Commissioner stated: "In fact, it is clear that all of the claims in fact read on Figures 4A and 4B, since the container illustrated therein is in fact 'the container' described with respect to the

Figure 2 drawings, and would therefore include the features shown therein and described in the written specification.” (Paper No. 12, p. 2). The Commissioner concluded that applicant’s drawings were acceptable and were to be entered, “subject to satisfaction of the formal drawing standards of 37 CFR 1.84.” *Id.* In view of these determinations, applicant remains confused as to the objections to the drawings and to the objections to claims 3 and 8-10 based on the drawings.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. It is believed that no additional fees are due, but if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502346.

Respectfully submitted,



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